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REVIEW OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN FIELDS WITH WHICH THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS BEEN OR MAY BE CONCERNED

INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AS AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ABOVE ALL THE RIGHT TO LIFE

ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF THE TRANSFER OF ARMS AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN ARMS ON THE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its forty-ninth session, in its resolution 1997/36, the Sub-Commission decided to authorize Ms. Clemencia Forero Ucros to prepare, without financial implications, a working paper, in the context of human rights and humanitarian norms, assessing the utility, scope and structure of a study on weapons of mass destruction or with indiscriminate effect, or of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering.

2. In its resolution 1997/37, the Sub-Commission decided to authorize the inclusion of the question of the illicit transfer of arms in the preliminary document concerning a study in the context of human rights and humanitarian norms, on weapons of mass destruction or with indiscriminate effect, or of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering, to be submitted to the Sub-Commission at its fiftieth session.

3. The Secretariat was informed that Ms. Forero has been unable to prepare a working paper for the fiftieth session of the Sub-Commission

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